

Salem POCD Sub-Committee
Scheduled Meeting
September 15, 2010 7:30 p.m.
Minutes

Call to Order

Frank Abetti called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Members present: Frank Abetti, Jim Fogarty, Sally, Dana Abetti, Linda Schroeder, Bill Schultz. Sue Spang joined the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Public Comment

None

Additions to the Agenda

- Add “housing” to the discussion of second drafts
- Strike from first drafts: Alternative wording to protect Arch and Hist Resources during development/sub-division process
- Add “forestry” to the discussion of first drafts

Approval of Minutes 9/08/2010

M/ Jim Fogarty Frank Abetti The motion passed unanimously

Old Business

Discussion of second drafts of:

- **"Communication" Objectives and Recommendations.** Gloria presented an overview of her revised document. Discussion included:
 - Inland/Wetlands s/b Inland Wetlands. We do not need a slash.
 - The email recommendation should be expanded to be a town-wide distribution list, rather than just an alert system for emergencies.
 - Remove the examples of social media, and recommend that we *consider* using social media.
 - Gloria will make changes and return to Frank.
- **"Natural Resources" Objectives and Recommendations**
 - Clarify goal 1, “In order to protect the health...” which currently says we are protecting and enhancing natural resources. We are not really enhancing them. Sally will also wordsmith the goal.
 - Change the first objective to “establish the process” rather than establishing a commission.
 - Avoid using the word “establish” a commission. Indicate

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that we are charging them with the recommendations.

- Clarify the reason we need a separate Conservation Commission. The Connecticut Association of Inland Wetlands Commissions website explains why they recommend this structure instead of being a subcommittee under Inland Wetlands. *Linda will research this.* Explain the reasons we are recommending this, including that this structure would give the commission more power to make direct recommendations.
- Omit the objective, “Salem should have a natural resources inventory...” We already have one.
- Add, “In addition to maintaining the natural resources inventory...” to the bullet under the first objective that begins with, “Specifically identify which natural resources...”

○ Frank will develop a replacement for the third bullet. Elaborate on objective 4. Demonstrate how early planning helps protect natural resources. Include the concept of encouraging low-impact development.

Omit objective 3. The forestry recommendation is redundant with the forestry section.

- Objective 5, “Salem’s groundwater...”
 - Recommendation 1, “Apply the variable...”: Omit the word “variable.” It may be confusing used in discussion with the Eight Mile River Watershed corridor.
 - Recommendation 2, “Pursue developing a tri-town...”: This is actually a land-use plan, versus management plan.
 - Remove recommendation 3, “Create overlay zones...”: Sally will research the Deep River watershed and perhaps find a replacement bullet.
 - Recommendation 5, “Develop low impact development...”: Set-aside land is sometimes completely unusable, so small, and no one maintains the land. So, we have to be cautious about accepting land from developers. Omit this recommendation, which is

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addressed elsewhere. Omit the two sub bullets as well.

- Recommendation 6, “Develop a public education...”: Merge the recommendation with it’s bullet point and wordsmith
- Recommendation 7, “Continue the current policy...”
Frank will confirm whether this is actually a policy or are we just continuing with the prior recommendation.
- Note: Ensure that the objectives align with the right recommendations.

- Goal 2, “Ensure public health and safety and enhance...” Omit. This was mistakenly in the document as an oversight.

- **"Recreation" Objectives and Recommendations.** Deferred to a future meeting.

Discussion of final draft of:

- **"Regionalism" Objectives and Recommendations.** Jim reviewed this document. No revisions recommended.
- **"Forestry" Objectives and Recommendations.** Linda added Forestry to the Agriculture section. She reviewed minor modifications to the agriculture section before moving onto the forestry section. *Linda will send Linda preferred wording for the EDC recommendation (2.1.3.1) to clarify that the EDC is not implementing a farming project.*
 - Linda included a quote as background information. This provides helpful information. The sub-committee agreed this is good to include in the final document as long as we use a specific font to identify it as background material.

Next Steps

- We are planning to review the whole document on October 4.
- We still need to review Housing, Recreation, and Alternative wording before we can review the whole document. We will meet on Tuesday, Sept 21, from 5 – 7.

Adjourn

M/S/A Sue Spang, Linda Schroeder